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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8034

BILL NUMBER: SB 493

DATE PREPARED: Jan 29, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Deputy Coroner Training.

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FUNDS AFFECTED:

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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that an individual who has continuously served as a deputy coroner beginning before January 1, 1996, is not required to comply with rules for mandatory training and continuing education. The bill requires that the training and continuing education provided for coroners and deputy coroners be conducted by a person whose principal place of business is located in Indiana. The bill also voids the current rule relating to coroner and deputy coroner training and continuing education.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This proposal would effectively exempt county deputy coroners in continuous service since January 1, 1996, from any mandatory training or continuing education.

The Coroners' Training Board (CTB), according to statute, may provide aid for approved deputy coroner training programs that meet the minimum requirements of the CTB. If a county deputy coroner who meets the above criteria were allowed to forego additional training, funds from the CTB that could have been used for approved training would not be expended. Currently, the Coroners' Training Board had total training expenditures for coroners amounting to \$258,924 in FY 2000. The current cost of training is approximately \$2,000 per deputy coroner. Training usually lasts five days. The estimated cost of training includes the following expenditures:

Expenditure	Amount
Hotel for five nights at \$79.00 per night	\$395
Cost of course material	\$500
Per Diem \$26 X five days	\$130

Travel reimbursement at \$0.28 per mile	Based on total mileage
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The Board has indicated there are currently 453 deputy coroners serving in Indiana. It is not possible to determine the number of deputy coroners continuously serving since January 1, 1996, due to high turnover. Therefore, the potential impact to the State is indeterminable and would depend on the number of qualified deputy coroners that choose to forgo additional training.

Additionally, county coroners and deputy coroners (still required to take continuing education and training) would be temporarily exempt from mandatory training and continuing education until new rules were adopted by the CTB, as required by the bill. Depending on the length of time required to draft and implement new rules and to contract with a new training center, expenditures for training could be reduced during that time period. If training is allowed to continue with the current contractor while new rules are written, and assuming no other disruption to the training schedule, there should be minimal impact to the State.

The current CTB-approved contractor is located in Michigan. Given that the bill would require a new contractor to be chosen, costs for training materials could increase depending on the amount charged by the new contractor for training materials. Additionally, travel costs could increase for some coroners while decreasing for other coroners depending on the location of the new contractor.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Coroners Training Board; Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected: County Coroners.

Information Sources: Lisa Barker, Indiana State Coroners' Training Board, (877) 692-7284.